

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
October 7, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Roll call was held with the following
Commission Members Present: Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Linda Kahle, Becky Hickman, Becky Beckman, Beth Seidl, Selena Vonderheide, Sherry Monesmith and Kyle Rupert.
Staff Members Present: Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Karen Grewe, and Donna Schepers
Guests in attendance: Eddie Luegers, Courtney Knies, Marc Steczyk, Cale Knies, Jim O'Neal, and Brad Ward.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pat Thyen moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

City Financial Statement

Gary Moeller moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

Becky Hickman arrived at the meeting at 4:35.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

- Mark Steczyk reported a potential 501(c)3 is being formed by a group of Dubois County citizens to raise funds and create an endowment to purchase, restore, and sustain the day-to-day functions for the Astra Theatre. The group hopes to enter into an agreement with the JCAC for operating the Astra in the future. The Dubois County Community Foundation is supporting the group in this process. After some discussion, **Gary Moeller** moved to rescind last month's motion for the JCAC to approach the City Council to purchase the Astra. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- September started our new season off with *The President's Own Marine Band* and the *Nitty Gritty Dirt Band*. Both were very well attended and very well received.
- The Performing Arts Committee met for the first time to plan for the 2015/2016 season. This will be the 40th anniversary for the JCAC.
- Eric Himy will be our only performance in October when he opens the Backstage Series.
- *Lick Creek Band* will be in residence homes this week for the senior outreach program.
- November will be a busy month with several school and public performances.
- Gary Moeller thanked Kit and the staff for their hard work in filling the gym for *The President's Own Marine Band* performance.
- Two additional events going on at the JAC this month are the Mayor's City Chat in the Krempf Gallery and a Congressional Forum hosted by VUJC.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- Staff computer replacement is in the budget for next year. Doreen is asking for permission to seek quotes for new computers. **Gary Moeller** moved to allow Doreen to seek quotes for new computers. **Selena Vonderheide** seconded. Motion passed 11-0.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- October is National Arts month.
- Wade Baker will be at Jasper High School this month working in visual arts classes helping the students use music as an inspiration for their work.
- Sean Layne spent two days with teachers in workshops and visiting class rooms as part of his training on using drama in their curricula.

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported for Emily.

- Emily is getting an art class started and will be here shortly.
- The current exhibit in the Krempp Gallery is James Russell May and Laura Levine.
- Fall Art classes start this week with seven classes making it.
- The First Thursday reception was held and was well attended. Both artists were in attendance and spoke about their works.

Project Coordinator Report

Kit reported for Corina.

- The Special Events Committee met and brainstormed ideas for the 40th anniversary year. One of the ideas brought up was a possible open house at the Satellite Art Space. This free day will allow people to try several kinds of art. JCAC incorporation date was March 1975. Some discussion followed.
- They also discussed some activities to coordinate with *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley* performance in November.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Selena Vonderheide moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. **Pat Thyen seconded**. Motion passed 11-0.

Mike Jones

Attested